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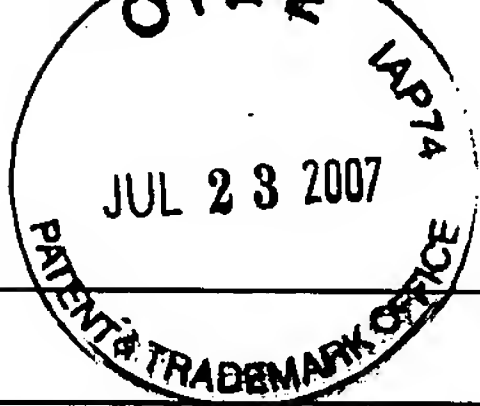
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This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated April 24, 2007 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before July 24, 2007. In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.